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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20549 **USA** 

Attention: Office of International Corporate Finance



#### Re: Rule 12g3-2(b) submission by Norske Skogindustrier ASA

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

I refer to the above referenced exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) (the "Rule") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), granted previously to Norske Skogindustrier ASA.

I hereby transmit to you, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 12g3-2(b)(4) of the Act the following materials:

- (1) O1 2007 First Quarter Report of Norske Skog), dated May 4, 2007
- (2) Company press release, "Turnaround yields results", dated May 4, 2007
- (3) Presentation material, Norske Skog Q1 2007, dated May 4, 2007
- Mandatory notification of trade, CFO Andreas Enger's purchase of shares, dated May 4, 2007 (4)
- Mandatory notification of trade, Chairman of the board's purchase of shares, dated May 4, 2007 (5)

As stated in paragraph (5) of the Rule, the Company understands that its furnishing the Securities and Exchange Commission with the information set forth above and the documents being transmitted herewith pursuant to the Rule shall not constitute an admission for any purpose that the Company is subject to the provisions of the Act.

Please contact the undersigned in connection with any of the points discussed in this letter.

Very truly yours,

Norske Skogindustrier ASA

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Norske Skog, Q 1 2007

Norske Skog's EBITDA before special items in Q 1, 2007 was NOK 1 175 million, as against NOK 1 267 million in Q 4, 2006, and NOK 1 034 million in Q 1, 2006. Net result after special items, taxes and minority interests in Q 1, 2007, was minus NOK 94 million, as against a profit of NOK 246 million in Q 4, 2006.



## Report for the first quarter of 2007

- Operating revenues: NOK 6 726 million (Q4 06: NOK 7 704 million), a reduction largely attributable to seasonal fluctuations as well as somewhat lower average prices measured in NOK
- Gross operating earnings before special items: NOK 1 175 million (Q4 06: NOK 1 267 million); net operating earnings before special items NOK 440 million (Q4 06: NOK 538 million)
- Newsprint prices increased in Europe, but magazine paper and newsprint prices fell in most other markets
- Costs increased for recovered paper and to some extent for wood pulp
- Measured against the 2005 base year, the turnaround programme yielded an effect of about NOK 200 million in the first quarter of 2007

#### **Key group figures - IFRS:**

	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q1/06	2006
Operating revenues NOK mill	6 726	7 704	7 144	28 812
Gross op earnings NOK mill	792	1 296	1 039	3 932
Gross operating margin %	11.8	16.8	14.5	13.6
Net op earnings/(loss) NOK mill	57	567	172	(2 527)
Net operating margin %	8.0	7.4	2.4	(8.8)
Pre-tax earnings/(loss) NOK mill	(135)	318	194	(3 480)
Net earnings/(loss) NOK mill	(94)	245	213	(2 809)
Earnings per share NOK	(0.50)	1.30	1.13	(14.84)
Cash flow NOK mill	607	673	251	2 763
Cash flow per share NOK	3.21	3.56	1.35	14.60
Return on capital employed %	4.6	6.2	1.6	3.7
Deliveries 1 000 t	1 427	1 589	1 481	6 106
Production 1 000 t	1 504	1 520	1 503	6 087

# Operating earnings before IFRS-related value changes, provisions, impairment charges and other special items:

	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q1/06	2006
Gross operating earnings				
(EBITDA)	1 175	1 267	1 034	4 704
Net operating earnings	440	538	167	1 478
(EBIT)				

#### Profit and loss account

The first quarter result is unsatisfactory. Price rises implemented for newsprint in Europe were offset by unfavourable price developments in other markets, cost increases and negative currency developments. Nevertheless, fiscal effects achieved from the turnaround programme offset the cost increases to a large extent.

Special items included in unadjusted operating earnings under IFRS for the first quarter is a cost of NOK 383 million, which consists in its entirety of a change in the value of embedded derivatives in Norske Skog's long-term electricity contracts. The amount has not been included in the results of the individual segments and has no cash effect. A specification of this and other types of special items is included elsewhere in this quarterly report.

#### Comparison between Q1 07 and Q4 06

The comparable gross operating earnings (before IFRS-related value adjustments and other special items, provisions and impairment charges) was NOK 92 million lower in the first quarter of 2007 than in the fourth quarter of 2006. The average product price measured in NOK declined slightly as a result of price pressure in most markets except for newsprint in Europe, and of a somewhat stronger Norwegian krone. This had a negative effect of about NOK 80 million on the result. The cost of recovered paper and wood pulp increased by 6-7%, but this has largely been offset by positive effects from the turnaround programme.

#### Comparison between Q1 07 and Q1 06

The comparable gross operating profit was NOK 141 million higher than in the first quarter of 2006. Overall, prices measured in NOK were roughly the same in the two

quarters. Costs were significantly lower as a result of a restructuring of the mill portfolio, the turnaround programme and the restructuring in Australasia last year. Gross operating earnings were somewhat higher for the Europe newsprint, Asia and Australasia segments and somewhat weaker for Europe magazine paper and South America.

Norske Skog changed its estimates for the remaining useful life of its facilities as from the fourth quarter of 2006. As a result, depreciation in the first quarter of 2007 was NOK 132 million lower than in the same period of last year.

#### Financial items (NOK mill)

	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q1/06	2006
Net interest paid	(258)	(254)	(254)	(982)
Interest hedging	2	14	30	7
Gains/losses currency	83	98	86	(17)
Other financial items	(31)	(107)	(23)	(163)
Total financial items	(205)	(249)	(161)	(1 155)

The reduction in financial items from the fourth quarter of 2006 largely reflects a one-off item of NOK 84 million under other financial items last year. The gain on currency hedging results from the Norwegian krone at 31 March 2007 being stronger against most other currencies compared with the level of exchange rates at 31 December 2006.

#### Associated companies

The amount of NOK 13 million for the first quarter relates almost wholly to Norske Skog's share of net earnings after tax at Malaysian Newsprint Industries. An income of NOK 146 million was included in the first quarter of 2006, which was the proportion of group equity deriving from conversion differences in the former associated company Catalyst Paper.

#### **Net loss**

The net loss after tax and minority interests for the first quarter was NOK 94 million. When the change in value of embedded derivatives in electricity contracts is excluded, net earnings were about NOK 180 million.

#### Cash flow

Cash flow from operations was NOK 607 million for the first quarter. As in previous years, this period saw a significant build-up in the inventory of finished products. Cash flow nevertheless remained almost on a par with the fourth quarter of 2006, since that quarter included several items with a negative effect on cash flow. Low cash flow in the first quarter of 2006 was due to a negative one-off effect on current interest-free debt in Asia.

#### **Balance** sheet

Total assets at 31 March 2007 were NOK 44.5 billion, a reduction of almost NOK 700 million from 31 December. The reduction relates almost exclusively to the fact that depreciation was higher than capitalised investments, and that the Norwegian krone was stronger at 31 March 2007 than at 31 December. This currency effect reduced the value of the facilities outside of Norway. Capitalised investments were NOK 199 million in the first quarter of 2007.

During the quarter, Norske Skog took out a new bond loan of just over NOK 1 billion in the Norwegian market. This has a maturity of five years and will be used to refinance debts falling due in 2007.

Net interest-bearing debt was NOK 16.6 billion at 31 March 2007, a reduction of NOK 700 million from 31 December. The change appears as NOK 400 million in cash flow after investments and NOK 300 million of currency changes to the debt. The average maturity of the long-term debt was 5.3 years at 31 March 2007, and available liquidity – including unused lines of credit – was NOK 6.8 billion. Gearing (net interest-bearing debt/equity) was 0.93 at 31 March, but will increase to pro forma 0.98 after the dividend is paid at the end of April.

In April, Moody's rating agency changed Norske Skog's outlook to "Negative" from "Stable". According to a press release from Moody's, this change reflected the fact that price and cost developments has so far not resulted in the profit improvements required by the agency. The actual rating for Norske Skog's long-term debt remains at "Ba1".

The annual general meeting on 12 April approved the payment of NOK 5.50 per share as dividend. The dividend amounted to just over NOK 1 billion and was paid on 26 April.

#### Changes to the board and corporate assembly

Following elections during the corporate assembly meeting on 12 April, Kim Wahl has become the new chair of Norske Skog in succession to Lars Wilhelm Grøholt, who had announced that he would not stand for re-election. Kari Broberg replaced Annette Brodin Rampe as a shareholder-elected director. Helge Evju is the new chair of the corporate assembly in succession to Idar Kreutzer.

#### Plan to improve earnings

The plan aims to achieve an increase of NOK 3 billion in gross operating earnings for the Norske Skog group by the end of 2008, compared with the 2005 level and 2005 market and cost conditions. All other things being equal, this should result in an 11% return on capital employed. Roughly speaking, the plan contains the following main elements:

- Cost reductions based on a restructuring of the mill portfolio. The measures were mainly implemented during 2006.
- Demanning, with a target reduction of 1 000 employees, in addition to about 600 employees who have left as a result of completed shut-downs. The reduction in staffing at head office and the regional offices has been carried out, and the process is under implementation in the various business units for completion during 2008.
- Measures to improve productivity and cost reductions in purchasing, energy optimisation, sales and logistics. Implementation of this part of the programme has been delegated to the individual business unit, with the corporate management coordinating their efforts. All business units have undertaken to set improvement targets. Measures were originally identified in more than 40 areas, but a number of proposals for improvement have been put forward as the process has developed. There are accordingly about 150 initiatives at present. To the extent that improvement measures require investments, this will fall within the framework of normal capital spending by the group.

A realised earnings improvement of NOK 400 million was achieved under the programme in 2006. This amount derived mainly from restructuring the mill and machine portfolio. The estimated effect of the programme in the first quarter of 2007 is about NOK 200 million measured against the base year of 2005. The targeted improvement is NOK 750 million per quarter at the end of 2008 (NOK 3 billion on an annual basis).

A team of experts established in the productivity area during 2006 carried out a design study at Norske Skog Jeonju followed by a pilot project at Norske Skog Golbey, with good results. Similar expert teams are currently working at Norske Skog Skogn and Norske Skog Albury, and will cover all the business units in the group by the end of 2008.

#### Health and safety

The H-1 value (frequency of losses per million working hours was) 1.6 in the 12-month period from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007. Four of the mills had no lost-time injuries during the period. Norske Skog has generally experienced low injury figures, but some increase has been seen over the past half-year. Great attention is being devoted to bringing the H-1 value down to earlier levels.

#### Performance-based remuneration

The annual general meeting of Norske Skog adopted the board's proposal for a new long-term incentive scheme for the corporate management. The principle of the new scheme is that the chief executive and other members of the corporate management will receive a payment if the return from Norske Skog's shares is in the top half of a defined group of listed paper manufacturers, which includes Norske Skog. Any payments will increase in steps from 30% and reach 100% if Norske Skog is in the best quartile. An additional requirement is that Norske Skog must show a positive return in the calculation period.

Development is measured over three-year periods, with a new period starting each year. The first period runs from the first quarter of 2007 to the first quarter of 2010.

The maximum annual payment will be the value of 35 000 shares before tax for the chief executive and 17 500 shares before tax for other members of the corporate management. An upper limit is also set, with the maximum payment in any given year being limited to 1.25 times the annual salary. At least 50% of the bonus paid from this programme must be used to acquire shares, which are held until the total shareholding equals gross annual salary.

Under the previous incentive programme, the corporate management received synthetic options in 2006 and previous years. These options will remain unchanged until they fall due, in accordance with existing agreements.

#### **Demerging properties**

The annual general meeting of Norske Skog adopted the recommendations from the board and the corporate assembly to demerge properties in Norway not related to operations, to a wholly owned subgroup. The group balance sheet will not be affected by the transaction. The most important properties are Klosterøya in Skien, the head office with surrounding land in Bærum, and a residential and agricultural area in Trondheim.

For legal reasons, Norske Skog cannot hold its own shares at the demerger date, which is expected to be towards the end of the second quarter. The holding of the company's own shares will accordingly be sold in advance, on condition that an equal number of shares are repurchased after the transaction has been carried out.

#### Share developments

The foreign shareholding at 31 March 2007 was 67%, roughly on a par with 31 December. Sixty-eight million shares were traded in the first quarter of 2007, giving a turnover rate of 1.4 on an annual basis.

A total of 784 employees participated in this year's share sale to employees, buying 187 295 shares. Employees at the mills in Korea and Thailand took part for the first time. The number of both purchased shares and participating employees was on a par with last year. Following the sale, the company held 444 436 of its own shares.

#### **Operations and market**

Total deliveries from Norske Skog's mills in the first quarter were about 10% lower than in the fourth quarter of 2006. This was primarily a seasonal reduction. Deliveries declined by 3.5% from the first quarter of 2006. In this time horizon, markets were affected by increased deliveries from Canada to Europe and reduced European exports. Total production from Norske Skog's mills in the first quarter did not differ significantly from the four quarters of 2006.

#### Europe - newsprint

Key figures:

	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q1/06	2006
Operating income NOK mill	2 190	2 446	2 272	9 072
Gross operating earnings NOK mill	446	466	421	1 742
Net operating earnings NOK mill	266	244	148	768
Gross operating margin %	20.4	19.1	18.5	19.2
Deliveries 1 000 t	497	567	550	2 176
Production 1 000 t	536	537	556	2 151
Production/capacity %	97	99	96	97

Average prices achieved in the segment were somewhat higher than in the previous quarter, but the price increase in local currency was offset by a stronger NOK. Costs increased, primarily for recovered paper. The quarterly result was negatively affected by a contribution margin recognised in the balance sheet for the seasonal increase in inventory, while this had the opposite effect in the fourth quarter of 2006.

The European newsprint market is still good, with demand in the first quarter almost in line with last year. Prices measured in local currencies were almost 5% higher than in 2006. However, the market balance was weakened by larger imports of newsprint from Canada and less scope for export tonnage to Asia.

Europe – magazine paper Key figures:

	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q1/06	2006
Operating income NOK mill	1 624	1 855	1 674	6 748
Gross operating earnings NOK mill	149	226	254	933
Net operating earnings NOK mill	(10)	80	86	282
Gross operating margin %	9.2	12.2	15.2	13.8
Deliveries 1 000 t	304	338	310	1 247
Production 1 000 t	308	328	324	1 279
Production/capacity %	89	96	95	93

Results for this segment were very weak, reflecting lower prices, cost increases and reduced production in connection with a rebuilding shut at Norske Skog Saugbrugs.

European demand for magazine paper was 4% higher in the first quarter than in the same period of 2006. Despite this, prices fell by 2-3% owing to aggressive pricing in several markets.

Asia Key figures:

	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q1/06	2006
Operating income NOK mill	1 381	1 577	1 538	6 096
Gross operating earnings NOK mill	301	290	242	997
Net operating earnings NOK mill	137	110	50	252
Gross operating margin %	21.8	18.4	15.7	16.4
Deliveries 1 000 t	364	397	364	1 562
Production 1 000 t	389	376	370	1 553
Production/capacity %	97	94	83	89

The Asian segment improved earnings and margins from last year, mainly as a result of higher production volumes and cost reductions after closing down two machines at Norske Skog Jeonju, in addition to other effects achieved in the turnaround programme.

Asian demand is still growing strongly, rising by 11% in China and 2% in Korea during January-February. For the region as a whole, demand rose by about 2.5%. Price levels in Korea and China are stable, but have fallen in most other markets.

#### Australasia Key figures:

	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q1/06	2006
Operating income NOK mill	969	1 048	887	3 897
Gross operating earnings NOK mill	277	246	66	719
Net operating earnings NOK mill	102	88	(105)	68
Gross operating margin %	28.6	23.5	7.4	18.5
Deliveries 1 000 t	194	211	187	827
Production 1 000 t	198	203	181	798
Production/capacity %	90	90	80	89

The Australasian segment showed good earnings in the first quarter. When comparing with the first quarter of 2006, account must be taken of the fact that Norske Skog Albury had a rebuilding shut in that quarter, and also that energy costs in New Zealand were very high.

Newsprint demand was somewhat higher in the region during January-February compared with the same period of 2006. Prices increased in New Zealand from 1 January, but a risk of falling prices exists in Australia for the second half of the year because of the price formula employed.

Drought problems in Australia mean that production restrictions at Norsk Skog Albury cannot be excluded. It is too early to estimate their scope, which will depend on rainfall volumes being normal for this time of the year. If a production shut-down proves necessary, the company will meet customer requirements with deliveries from Norske Skog's other mills globally.

#### **South America**

Key figures:

	Q1/07	Q4/06	Q1/06	2006
Operating income NOK mill	312	375	339	1 399
Gross operating earnings NOK mill	70	180	89	469
Net operating earnings NOK mill	26	131	42	289
Gross operating margin %	22.4	48.0	26.3	33.5
Deliveries 1 000 t	68	76	70	294
Production 1 000 t	73	76	72	297
Production/capacity %	94	98	93	96

When comparing with last year, account must be taken of the fact that the fourth quarter included NOK 60 million recognised as income from a previous provision for electricity grid charges at Pisa. Corrected for this, the gross operating margin was 32% in the fourth quarter and 29.2% for the whole of 2006. Even when excluding these factors, earnings in the first quarter were weaker than in the fourth quarter of 2006. The main reasons were lower sales prices, which have been influenced by the market balance in North America.

Lysaker, 3 May 2007

The board of directors of Norske Skogindustrier ASA

#### **Profit and loss account**

NOK Million	Jan - Mar 07	Јап <b>- М</b> аг 06	2006
Operating revenue	6 726	7 144	28 812
Distribution costs	(592)	(648)	, (2 521)
Cost of materials	(3 872)	(4 000)	(15 498)
Change in inventory	306	95	(102)
Employee benefit expenses	(919)	(1 012)	(3 800)
Other operating expenses	(474)	(545)	(2 187)
Restructuring expenses	-	-	(484)
Other gains and losses	(383)	5	(288)
Gross operating earnings	792	1 039	3 932
Depreciation and amortisation	(735)	(867)	(3 225)
Impairments	-	-	(3 233)
Operating earnings	57	172	(2 527)
Share of profit in associated companies	13	183	202
Financial items	(205)	(161)	(1 155)
Profit before tax	(135)	194	(3 480)
Income tax expense	36	12	463
Net profit	(99)	206	(3 017)
Attributable to minority interests	(5)	(7)	(208)
Attributable to equity holders of the company	(94)	213	(2 809)
Earnings per share	(0.50)	1.13	(14.84)

#### **Balance sheet**

NOK Million	31.03.07	31.03.06	31.12.96
ASSETS			
Deferred tax asset	221	293	216
Other intangible assets	3 046	4 845	3 056
Property, plant and equipment	32 489	34 545	33 547
Investments in associated companies	343	314	333
Other non-current assets	420	508	425
Total non-current assets	36 519	40 505	37 577
Inventory	2 970	2 894	2 688
Receivables	3 918	4 235	3 999
Cash and cash equivalents	537	399	397
Other current assets	596	1 320	569
Total current assets	8 021	8 848	7 653
Total assets	44 540	49 353	45 230
Shareholders' equity and liabilities			
Paid-in equity	12 309	12 309	12 309
Retained earnings	5 583	9 254	5 791
Minority interests	432	690	450
Total equity	18 324	22 253	18 550
Pension obligations	537	443	530
Deferred tax	1 619	2 626	1 804
Interest-bearing non-current liabilities	14 552	17 771	14 712
Other non-current liabilities	1 772	768	1 756
Total non-current liabilities	18 480	21 608	18 802
Interest-bearing current liabilities	2 683	865	3 114
Trade and other receivables	3 832	3 854	3 833
Tax payable	159	155	123
Other current liabilities	1 062	618	808
Total current liabilities	7 736	5 492	7 8 7 8
Total liabilities	26 216	27 100	26 €80
Total equity and liabilities	44 540	49 353	45 230

Revenue and profit by segment

Operating	revenue
NOK million	
Europe	

NOK million	Jan - Mar 07	Jan - Mar 06	2006
Europe			
Newsprint	2 190	2 272	9 072
Magazine paper	1 624	1 674	6 748
Total Europe	3 814	3 946	15 820
Asia			
Newsprint	1 381	1 538	6 096
Australasia			
Newsprint	969	887	3 897
South America			
Newsprint	312	339	1 399
Other items			
Other industry in Norway	2	107	110
Other revenues	394	432	1 943
Staff/eliminations	(146)	(105)	(453)
Total other items	250	434	1 600
Total group	6 726	7 144	28 812

**Gross operating earnings** 

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NOK million	Jan - Mar 07	Jan - Mar 06	2006
Europe			
Newsprint	446	421	1 742
Magazine paper	149	254	933
Total Europe	595	675	2 675
Asia			
Newsprint	301	242	997
Australasia			
Newsprint	277	66	719
South America			
Newsprint	70	89	469
Other items			
Other industry in Norway	-	11	11
Staff/eliminations	(68)	(49)	(167)
Other gains and losses	(383)	5	(288)
Restructuring expenses		-	(484)
Total other items	(451)	(33)	(928)
Total group	792	1 039	3 932

Revenue and profit by segment

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NOK million	Jan - Mar 07	Jan - Mar 06	2006
Europe			
Newsprint	266	148	768
Magazine paper	(10)	86	282
Total Europe	256	234	1 050
Asia			
Newsprint	137	50	252
Australasia			
Newsprint	102	(105)	68
South America			
Newsprint	26	42	289
Other items			
Other industry in Norway	<del>-</del>	6	6
Staff/eliminations	(81)	(60)	(187)
Other gains and losses	(383)	5	(288)
Restructuring expenses	-	-	(484)
Impairments	_		(3 233)
Total other items	(464)	(49)	(4 186)
Total group	57	172	(2 527)

Revenue and profit by segment

Production			
(1,000 tons)	Jan - Mar 07	Jan - Mar 06	2006
Europe			
Newsprint	536	556	2 151
Magazine paper	308	324	1 279
Total Europe	844	880	3 430
Asia			
Newsprint	389	370	1 553
Australasia			
Newsprint	198	181	798
South America			
Newsprint	73	72	297
Total newsprint	1 196	1 179	4 799
Total magazine paper	308	324	1 279
Total publication paper	1 504	1 503	6 078

Deliveries			
(1,000 tons)	Jan - Mar 07	Jan - Mar 06	2006
Europe			
Newsprint	497	550	2 176
Magazine paper	304	310	1 247
Total Europe	801	860	3 423
Asia			
Newsprint	364	364	1 562
Australasia			
Newsprint	194	187	827
South America			
Newsprint	68	70	294
Total newsprint	1 123	1 171	4 859
Total magazine paper	304	310	1 247
Total publication paper	1 427	1 481	6 106

Quarterly comparisons gro	up								
NOK million	1007	4Q06	3Q06	2Q06	1Q06	4Q05	3Q05	2Q05	1005
Operating revenue	6 726	7 704	7 192	6 772	7 144	7 107	6 425	6 433	5 761
Restructuring expenses	-	(45)	(376)	(63)		(270)	-	-	-
Gross operating earnings	792	1 296	765	832	1 039	813	1 059	1 062	1 016
Depreciation and amortisation	(735)	(729)	(827)	(803)	(867)	(828)	(740)	(748)	(756)
Impairments	` .	` .	(3 190)	(43)	` .	(179)	` •	(58)	(11)
Operating earnings	57	567	(3 252)	(14)	172	(194)	319	256	249
Profit before tax	(135)	318	(3 779)	(213)	194	(1 127)	177	31	(85)
Attributable to equity holders of the company	(94)	245	(3 087)	(180)	213	(997)	193	(8)	(42)
Quarterly comparison segr	nents	4Q06	3Q06	<b>2</b> Q06	1Q06	4Q05	3Q05	2005	1005
Operating revenue		.400			. 400	. 400	0400		
Europe	3 814	4 301	3 907	3 666	3 946	3 962	3 990	3 924	3 602
Asia	1 381	1 577	1 572	1 409	1 538	1 107	658	636	531
Australasia	969	1 048	989	973	887	1 019	1 028	1 056	919
South America	312	375	364	321	339	339	320	300	271
Other activities	396	504	475	535	539	780	505	597	544
Staff/eliminations	(146)	(101)	(115)	(132)	(105)	(100)	(76)	(80)	(136)
Total operating revenue	6 726	7 704	7 192	6 772	7 144	7 107	6 425	6 433	5 761
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Gross operating earnings	595	692	742	566	675	529	663	579	639
Europe	301	290	197	268	242	170	119	132	101
Asia Australasia	277	246	240	167	66	164	215	196	229
South America	70	180	108	92	89	43	77	74	75
Other activities	,,,	100	100	-	11	25	12	12	16
Staff/eliminations	(68)	(81)	(40)	(12)	(49)	(56)	(15)	(23)	(20)
Other gains and losses	(383)	14	(106)	(186)	5	208	(12)	92	(24)
Restructuring expenses	(300)	(45)	(376)	(63)		(270)	(,_,		
Total gross operating earnings	792	1 296	765	832	1 039	813	1 059	1 062	1 016
Operating earnings	256	324	220	400	234	130	241	140	201
Europe			329 9	163	234 50			148 56	
Asia	137 102	110 88	73	83		23	43 39	22	27 48
Australasia	26			12	(105)	(39)	29	22 26	40 29
South America Other activities	26	131	68	48	42 6	(5) 17	29 4	26 4	29 8
Other activities Staff/eliminations	(81)	(55)	(59)	(28)	(60)	(79)	(25)	(34)	(29)
*···	(383)	(33)	(106)	(26) (186)	(60)	208	(25) (12)	(34) 92	(24)
Other gains and losses Restructuring expenses	(303)	(45)	(376)	(63)	-	(270)	(12)	92	(24)
Impairments	-	(43)	(3 190)	(43)		(179)	_	(58)	(11)
Total operating earnings	57	567	(3 252)	(14)	172	(194)	319	256	2:49
. The special statement	<u></u> -		\/			1.54			

#### Financial key figures

	Definitions:	Jan - Mar 07	Jan - Mar 06	2006
Net operating margin	1	8.0	2.4	(8.8)
Gross operating margin	2	11.8	14.5	13.6
Return on capital employed		4.6	1.6	3.7
Equity ratio %	3	41.1	45.1	41.0
Equity ratio excl. minority interests %	4	40.2	43.7	40.0
Net interest bearing debt	5,8	16 605	17 515	17 320
Net interest-bearing debt/equity	5,8	0.91	0.79	0.93
Net interest-bearing debt/equity excl. minority interests	5,8	0.93	0.81	0.96
Eamings per share after taxes	6	(0.50)	1.13	(14.84)
Cash flow per share after taxes	7	3.21	1.35	14.60

#### Definitions:

- 1: Net operating margin = operating earnings / operating revenue
- 2: Gross operating margin = gross operating earnings / operating revenue
- 3: Equity ratio = shareholders' equity / total assets
- 4: Equity ratio excl. minority interests = (shareholders' equity minority interests) / total assets
- 5: Net interest bearing debt = Interest bearing debt cash and cash equivalents current investments - interest rate swaps fair value hedge
- 6 : Earnings per share after taxes = net earnings / average number of shares
- 7: Cash flow per share after taxes = net cash flow from operating activities / average number of shares
- 8: Fair value hedge = a hedge of the exposure to changes in fair value of a recognised asset or liability that is attributable to a particular risk and could affect profit or loss.

#### Cash flow statement

Cash now statement			
NOK million	Jan - Mar 07	Jan - Mar 06	2006
Cash flow from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	6 727	7 096	28 905
Cash used in operations	(5 896)	(6 575)	(24 608)
Cash from net financial items	(247)	(231)	(1 365)
Taxes paid	23	(39)	(169)
Net cash flow from operating activities	607	251	2 763
Cash flow from investing activities			
Investments in operational fixed assets	(199)	(333)	(1 722)
Sales of operational fixed assets	1	-	11
Net cash from sold shares in other companies	-	1 213	1 213
Net cash flow from investing activities	(198)	880	(498)
Cash flow from financing activities			
Net change in long-term liabilities	(18)	(1 004)	(3 977)
Net change in current liabilities	(282)	68	2 343
Dividend paid 1	-	<del>-</del>	(1 046)
Net cash flow from financing activities	(300)	(936)	(2: 680)
Translation difference	(2)	4	(1)
Total change in liquid assets	107	199	(416)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The amounts include dividend paid to minority shareholders in PanAsia.

#### Special items

The table below shows special items which have influenced net earnings over the past five quarters,

NOK million	1/07	4/06	3/06	2/06	1/06
Restructuring provision (op earnings)	-	(45)	(376)	(63)	+
Accrual for bad debt (op earnings)	-	-	(75)	-	-
Impairments (op earnings)	-	-	(3 190)	(43)	-
Translation effects on accounts receivable and payable (op earnings)	(12)	(36)	30	(33)	(21)
Change in market value of interest rate derivatives (financial items)	2	14	(17)	11	30
Currency hedging gain/(loss) (financial items)	81	30	(232)	47	44

#### Change in equity

		Other paid-in	Retained		
	Share capital	equity	earnings	Total	
Total equity excluding minority					
interests 1 January 2007	12 309	785	5 006	18 100	
Currency translation adjustments and other	-	_	(114)	(114)	
Share issues	•	-	-	-	
Change in holding of own shares	•	-	-	-	
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	
Net profit for the period	-		(94)	(94)	
Total equity excluding minority					
interests 31 March 2007	12 309	785	4 798	17 892	

#### **Accounting principles**

The interim financial statements for the first quarter of 2007 are presented in accordance with IAS 34. The interim financial statements, including comparative figures, are based on today's IFRS standards and interpretations.

The accounting principles applied in these interim financial statements are the same as those applied in the financial statements at 31 December 2006 and for the year ending at that date.

#### Accounting estimates, judgements and assumptions

The group prepares estimates and makes judgements and assumptions about the future. Accounting estimates derived from these will by definition seldom accord fully with the final outcome.

Estimates and the underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. The effects of changes in accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised. If the change in estimates also has an effect on future periods, these effects are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in the future periods in which the changes in estimates have an effect.

The same judgements and assumptions have been made when applying accounting policies and preparing estimates in preparing these interim financial statements as when preparing the financial statements at 31 December 2006 and for the year ending at that date.

#### Gross and net operating earnings

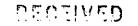
These tables show gross and net operating earnings under IFRS, adjusted for impairments, changes in the value of power contracts, and restructuring costs (- equals gain, + equals loss).

NOK Million	Jan-Mar 07	Okt - Des 06	Jan-Mar 06	2006
Gross operating earnings, IFRS	792	1 296	1 039	3 932
Reversals:				
Reversal of prov. for energy cost S.America	-	-60	-	-60
Other gains and losses	+383	-14	-5	+273
Restructuring expenses	-	+45		+484
Accrual for bad debt	-	-	-	+75
Gross op earnings, adjusted	1 175	1 267	1 034	4 704
Gross op margin, adjusted %	17.5	16.4	14.5	16.3

NOK Million	Jan-Mar 07	Okt - Des 06	Jan-Mar 06	2006
Net operating earnings, IFRS	57	567	172	-2 527
Reversals:				
Reversal of prov. for energy cost S.America	-	-60	-	-60
Other gains and losses	+383	-14	-5	+273
Restructuring expenses	-	+45	=	+484
Accrual for bad debt		-	=	+75
Impairments	-	•	=	+3 233
Net op earnings, adjusted	440	538	167	1 478
Net op margins, adjusted %	6.5	7.0	2.3	5.1



#### **Press Release**



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Norske Skog, first quarter 2007

## Turnaround yields results

Input factors for newsprint and magazine paper production became more expensive in the first quarter of 2007, when Norske Skog paid 6-7 per cent more for recovered paper and pulpwood. At the same time, the company noted that its turnaround programme had a positive effect of roughly NOK 200 million on results for the period.

"The whole organisation is making a major effort to implement our extensive turnaround," says chief executive Christian Rynning-Tønnesen. "That's allowing us to respond to higher costs and a market which remains demanding."

Gross operating earnings before special items for the period totalled NOK 1 175 million, compared with NOK 1 267 million for the fourth quarter of 2006. Net operating earnings were NOK 440 million, compared with NOK 538 million in the previous three-month period. Compared with the first quarter of 2006, gross operating earnings rose by NOK 141 million. Fixed costs were substantially lower as a result of the restructuring of the mill portfolio, the turnaround and last year's rebuilds in Australasia.

Demand is expected to develop relatively well for the rest of the year, with the exception of the North American market.

The newsprint market in Europe remains good, with demand on a par with 2006. A significant slump in demand for newsprint in North America and overcapacity in China are affecting the European market through increased imports of newsprint from Canada and less scope for exports to Asia.

The full report for the first quarter can be accessed at www.norskeskog.com.

Oxenøen, 4 May 2007

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## Norske Skog - Q1 2007

Financial figures & market update



## P&L – Key figures Q1 2007

	Q1 2007	Q4 2006	Q1 2006
NOK	6 726	7 704	7 144
NOK	1 175	1 267	1 034
NOK	440	538	167
NOK	792	1 296	1 039
NOK	57	567	172
NOK	-135	318	194
	-0,50	1,30	1,13
%	17,47	16,45	15,37
%	6,54	6,98	2,34
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- t) The table show EBITDA/EBIT adjusted for changes in the value of power contracts, reversal of provision for energy cost in South
- Net earnings before minorities





## Balance sheet & Cash flow – Key figures Q1 2007

		Q1 2007	Q4 2006	Q1 2006
Net CF from operating activities	NOK	607	673	251
Investments	NOK	-199	-589	-333
CFPS	NOK	3,21	3,56	1,35
Total assets	NOK	44 540	45 230	49 353
Net interest-bearing debt	NOK	16 605	17 320	17 515
Gearing		0,93	0,96	0,81
ROCE, adjusted	%	4,59	3,70	1,55

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## **P&L account** Q1 2007 vs Q4 2006

(NOK mill.)	Q1 2007	Q4 2006	Change
Operating revenue	6 726	7 704	(978)
Distribution costs	(592)	(630)	38
Cost of materials	(3 872)	(3 931)	59
Changes in Inventory	306	(277)	583
Employee benefit expenses	(919)	(878)	(41)
Other operating expenses	(474)	(646)	172
Restructuring expenses	•	(45)	45
Other gains and losses	(383)	(1)	(382)
Gross operating earnings	792	1 296	(504)
Depreciation and amortisation	(735)	(729)	(6)
Impairments			•
Operating earnings	57	567	(510)
Share of profit in associated companies	13		13
Financial items	(205)	(249)	44
Profit before tax	(135)	318	(453)
Income tax expense	36	(109)	145
Net profit	(99)	209	(308)
Attributable to minority interests	(5)	(36)	31
Attributable to equity holders of the Company	(94)	245	(339)



## **P&L account** Q1 2007 vs Q1 2006

(NOK milt.)	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Change
Operating revenue	6 726	7 144	(418)
Distribution costs	(592)	(648)	5 <b>6</b>
Cost of materials	(3 872)	(4 000)	128
Changes in inventory	306	95	211
Employee benefit expenses	(919)	(1 012)	93
Other operating expenses	(474)	(545)	71
Restructuring expenses	-	•	
Other gains and losses	(383)	5	(388)
Gross operating earnings	792	1 039	(247)
Depreciation and amortisation	(735)	(867)	132
Impairments	-	•	•
Operating earnings	57	172	(115)
Share of profit in associated companies	13	183	(170)
Financial items	(205)	(161)	(44)
Profit before tax	(135)	194	(329)
Income tax expense	36	12	24
Net profit	(99)	206	(305)
Attributable to minority interests	(5)	(7)	2
Attributable to equity holders of the Company	(94)	213	(307)

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## **EBITDA Adjusted**

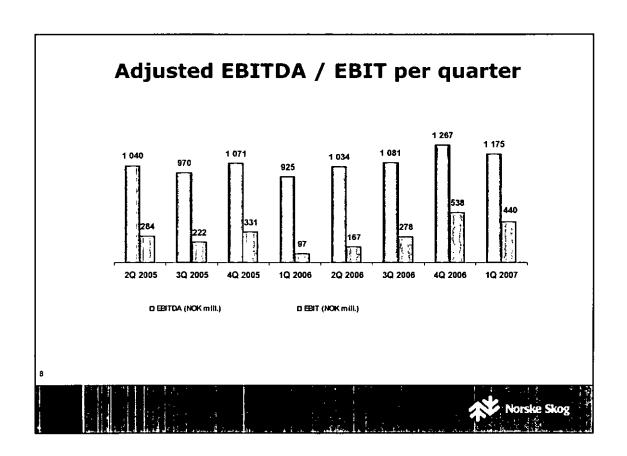
NOK mill	Q1 2007	Q4 2006	Q1 2006	2006
EBITDA IFRS	792	1 296	1 039	3 932
Reversals:				
Provision energy costs South Ame	rica -	-60	-	-60
Other gains and losses	+383	-14	- 5	+273
Restructuring costs	-	+45	-	+484
Accrual for bad debt	-	-	-	+75
EBITDA, adjusted	1 175	1 267	1 034	4 704
EBITDA margin, adjusted	17,5 %	16,4 %	14,5 %	16,3 %

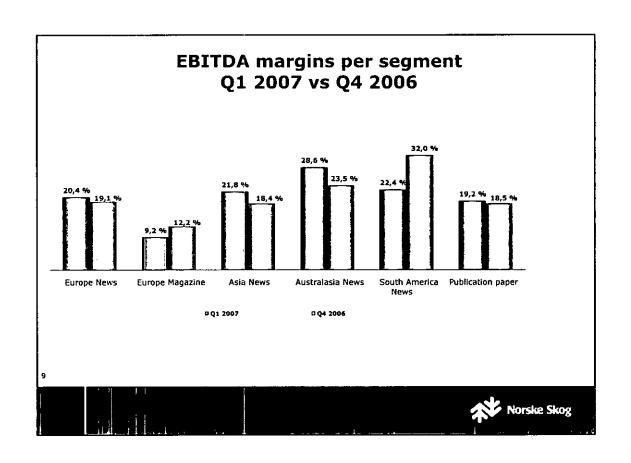
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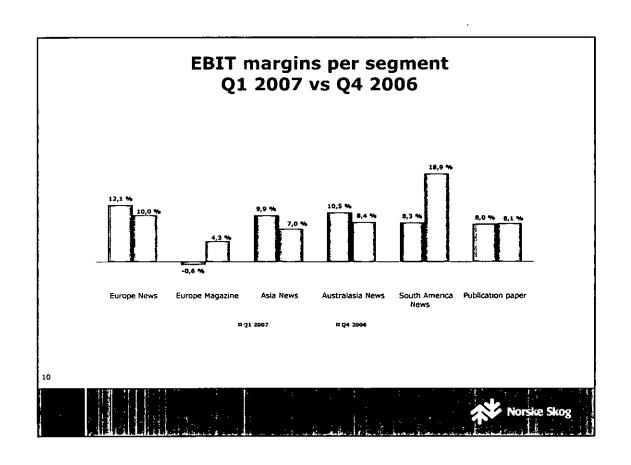
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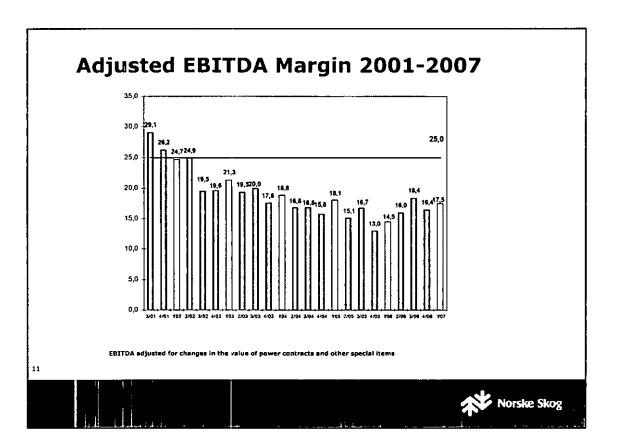
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EBIT IFRS	57	567	172	-2 527
Reversals:				
Provision energy costs South America	-	-60	-	-60
Other gains and losses	+383	-14	-5	+273
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EBIT margin, adjusted	6,5 %	7,0 %	2,3 %	5,1 %



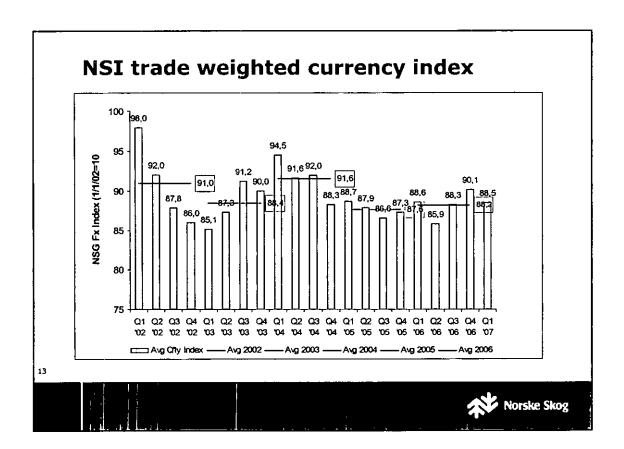






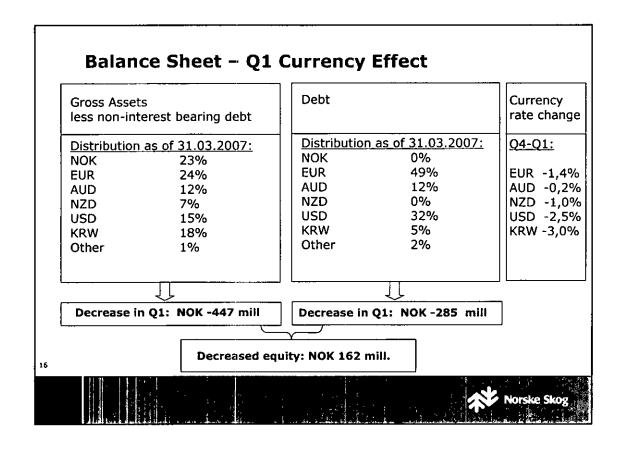


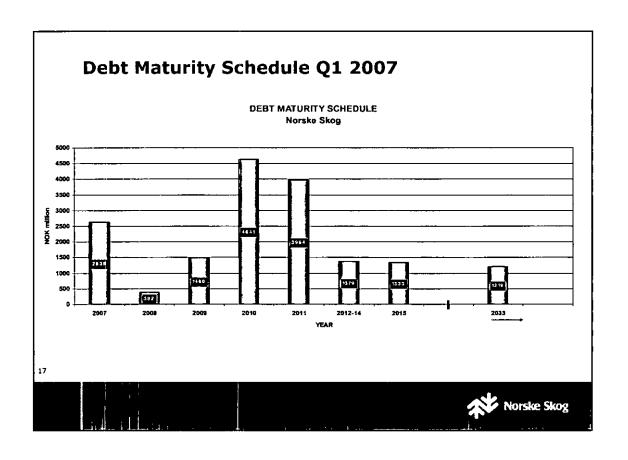
(NOK mill.)	Q1 2007	4Q 2006	Q1 2006	2007	2006
Net interest costs (clean)	-258	-254	-254	-258	-982
Interest rate derivatives*	2	14	30	2	7
Currency gain/loss**	83	98	86	83	-17
Other financial items	-31	-107	-23	-31	-163
Total financial items	-205	-249	-161	-205 ′	-1 155
Net interest-bearing debt	16 605	17 320	17 515	16 605	17 320
Average interest cost YTD	6,0 %	5,5 %	4,8 %	6,0 %	5,5 %
*Change in market value of intere:	arote demodres.	not metable in nea	ye secosining		



NOK million	31,03,2007	31,12.2006	Change	
ASSETS				
Deferred tax asset	221	216	5	
Other intengible assets	3 046	3 056	-10	
Property, plant and equipment	32 489	33 547	-1 058	
investment in associated companies	343	333	10	
Other non-current assets	420	425	-5	
Total non-current assets	36 519	37 577	-1 058	
Inventories	2 970	2 688	282	
Receivables	3 918	3 999	-81	
Cash and cash equivalents	537	397	140	
Other current assets	596	569	27	
Total current assets	8 021	7 653	368	
TOTAL ASSETS	44 540	45 230	-690	
Equity	12 309	12 309	0	
Retained earnings	5 583	5 791	-208	
Minority interests	432	450	-18	
Equity incl. Minorities	18 324	18 550	-226	
Pension obligations	537	530	7	
Deferred tax	1 619	1 804	-185	
Interest bearing non-current liabilities	14 552	14 712	-160	
Other non-current liabilities	1 772	1 756	16	
Total non-current liabilities	18 480	18 802	-322	
Interest-bearing current liabilities	2 683	3 114	-431	
Trade and other payables	3 832	3 833	-1	
Tax payable	159	123	36	
Other current liabilities Total current liabilities	1 062 7 73 <b>5</b>	808 7 878	254 -142	
Total liabilities	7 738 26 216	7 878 26 680	-142 -464	
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	44 540	45 230	-690	
Net interest-bearing debt	16 605	17 320	-715	

NOK million	31,03.2007	31.03.2006	Change	
ASSETS Deferred tax asset	221	293	-72	
Other intangible assets	3 046	4 845	-1 799	
Property, plant and equipment	32 489	34 545	-2 056	
Investment in associated companies	343	314	29	
Other non-current assets	420	508	-88	
Total non-current assets	38 519	40 505	-3 986	
Inventories	2 970	2 894	76	
Receivables	3 918	4 235	-317	
Cash and cash equivelents	537	399	138	
Other current assets	596	1 320	-724	
Total current assets	8 021	8 848	-827	
TOTAL ASSETS	44 540	49 353	-4 813	
Equity	12 309	12 309	0	
Retained earnings	5 583	9 254	-3 671	
Minority interests	432	690	-258	
Equity Incl. Minorities	18 324	22 253	-3 929	
Pension obligations	537	443	94	
Deferred tax	1 619	2 626	-1 007	
Interest bearing non-current fabilities	14 552	17 771	-3 219	
Other non-current liabilities	1 772	768	1 004	
Total non-current liabilities	18 480	21 608	-3 128	
Interest-bearing current liabilities	2 683	665	1 818	
Trade and other payables	3 832	3 654	-22	
Tax payable	159	155	4	
Other current liabilities	1 062	618	444	
Total current liabilities	7 736	5 492	2 244	
Total liabilities	25 216	27 100	-884	
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	44 540	49 353	-4 813	
Net interest-bearing debt	16 605	17 515	-910	





(NOK million)	Q1 2007	Q4 2006 C	hange
EBITDA incl. restr. costs	792	1 296	(504)
Adjustment of non-cash items in EBITDA <sup>1)</sup>	418	82	336
Change in Working Capital	(379)	(56)	(323)
Operational Cash Flow	831	1 322	(491)
Cash from net financial items	(247)	(593)	346
Taxes paid	23	(56)	79
Levered Operational Cash Flow	607	673	(66)
Purchase of shares in other companies	-	-	-
Investments (capex)	(199)	(589)	390
Sale of operational fixed assets	1	2	(1)
Other investments / divestments	-	-	•
Dividend paid		-	<u>-</u>
Free Cash Flow	409	86	323
New equity	•	-	•
FX and other non cash items on cash and debt	300	378	(78)
Change in net interest bearing debt	709	464	245

## Cash flow Q1 2007 vs Q1 2006

(NOK million)	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Change
EBITDA incl. restr. costs	792	1 039	(247)
Adjustment of non-cash items in EBITDA 1	418	-	418
Change in Working Capital	(379)	(518)	139
Operational Cash Flow	831	521	310
Cash from net financial items	(247)	(231)	(16)
Taxes paid	23	(39)	62
Levered Operational Cash Flow	607	251	356
Purchase of shares in other companies	•	-	-
Investments (capex)	(199)	(333)	134
Sale of operational fixed assets	1	-	1
Other investments / divestments	-	1 213	(1 213)
Dividend paid	<u>-</u>	-	
Free Cash Flow	409	1 131	(722)
New equity	-	-	-
FX and other non cash items on cash and debt	300	417	(117)
Change in net interest bearing debt	709	1 548	(839)

<sup>1)</sup> Unrealised gain/(loss) on energy hedging contracts



# **Segmented results**



	FIL	<u>iancial</u>	Sumi	nary -		<u>ients</u>	
		Europe News	Europe Mag	Europe Tot	PanAsia	Austrafasia S	outh America
Revenue	Q1 06	2 272	1 674	3 946	1 538	887	339
	Q2 06	2 195	1 471	3 666	1 409	973	321
	Q3 06	2 159	1 748	3 907	1 572	989	364
	Q4 06	2 446	1 855	4 301	1 577	1 048	375
	Q1 07	2 190	1 624	3 814	1 381	969	312
EBITDA	Q1 06	421	254	675	242	68	89
	Q2 06	390	176	566	268	167	92
	Q3 06	485	277	742	197	240	108
	Q4 06	466	226	692	290	246	120
	Q1 07	446	149	595	301	277	70
EBIT	Q1 06	148	86	234	50	(105)	42
	Q2 06	153	10	163	83	12	48
	Q3 06	223	106	329	9	73	68
	Q4 06	244	80	324	110	88	71
	Q1 07	266	(10)	256	137	102	26
EBITDA %	Q1 06	18,5 %	15,2 %	17,1 %	15,7 %	7,4 %	26,3 %
	Q2 06	17.8 %	12.0 %	15,4 %	19,0 %	17.2 %	28,7 %
	Q3 06	21.5 %	15,8 %	19,0 %	12,5 %	24,3 %	29,7 %
	Q4 06	19,1 %	12,2 %	16,1 %	18,4 %	23,5 %	32,0 %
	Q1 07	20,4 %	9,2 %	15,6 %	21,8 %	28,6 %	22,4 %
EBIT %	Q1 06	6,5 %	5,1 %	5,9 %	3,3 %	-11,8 %	12,4 %
	Q2 06	7,0 %	0,7 %	4,4 %	5,9 %	1,2 %	15,0 %
	Q3 06	10,3 %	6,1 %	8.4 %	0,6 %	7,4 %	18,7 %
	Q4 06	10,0 %	4,3 %	7,5 %	7,0 %	8,4 %	18,9 %
	Q1 07	12,1 %	-0,6 %	6,7 %	9,9%	10,5 %	8,3 %
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#### **Operational Summary - Segment** Europe News | Europe Mag Europe Tot Australasia Q1 06 Q2 06 Q3 06 Q4 06 Q1 07 370 556 880 181 Production (1000 tonnes) 324 402 405 378 520 307 827 210 538 537 536 320 328 308 858 865 204 203 75 76 389 73 Q1 06 Q2 06 Q3 06 Q4 06 Q1 07 Deliveries (1000 tonnes) 550 310 860 364 395 406 397 187 70 551 508 567 832 826 905 220 209 211 281 318 338 75 76 364 70 95 % 93 % 97 % 98 % 94 % 83 % 90 % 91 % 84 % 97 % 93 % 95 % 97 % 98 % 94 % 95 % 90 % 93 % 96 % 89 % 80 % 93 % 91 % Q1 06 Q2 06 Q3 06 Q4 06 Q1 07 98 % 96 % 99 % Production/ Capacity (%) 99 % 97 % 90 % 90 % Q1 06 Q2 06 Q3 06 Q4 06 95 % 101 % 93 % 104 % 91 % 82 % 93 % 99 % 88 % 93 % 94 % 93 % 102 % 89 % 81 % 88 % 91 % 89 % 90 % 83 % 98 % 93 % 94 % 89 % 90 % 94 % 97 % 98 % 90 % Defiveries/ Capacity (%) 90 % Norske Skog

## "CLEAN" EBITDA BY QUARTERS

1	Q3 2005	Q4 2005	Q1 2006	Q2 2006	Q3 2006 <sup>2</sup>	Q4 2006	Q1 2007
Europe newsprint	337	309	421	390	465	466	446
Europe magazine	326	220	254	176	277	226	149
Europe total	663	529	675	566	742	692	595
Asia 1	119	170	242	268	272	290	301
Australasia	215	164	66	167	240	246	277
South America	77	93	89	92	108	120	70
Total regions	1 074	956	1 072	1 093	1 362	1 348	1 243
Other activities	12	25	11		_		-
Corp. Center, elim. etc	(15)	(56)	(49)	(12)	(40)	(81)	(68)
Clean EBITDA	1 071	925	1 034	1 081	1 322	1 267	1 175
Energy hedging etc	(12)	208	5	(186)	(106)	14	(383)
Grid dispute, Brazil		(50)		-	-	60	-
Restruct Union	•	(270)	-	•	-	(45)	•
Restruct Parenco	-	-	•	(63)	•	•	
Restruct Turnaround	-	-	-	•	(376)		
Losses on accounts rec	eivable				(75)		
EBITDA under IFRS	1 059	813	1 039	832	765	1 296	792

PanAsia consolidated 50% in Q1-3 2005, and 100% from 17.11.2005
 Q3 2006 is restated

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## "CLEAN" EBIT BY QUARTERS

1	Q3 2005	Q4 2005	Q1 2006	Q2 2006	Q3 2006 <sup>2</sup>	Q4 2006	Q1 2007
Europe newsprint	82	37	148	153	223	244	266
Europe magazine	159	93	86	10	106	80	(10)
Europe total	241	130	234	163	329	324	258
Asia 1	43	23	50	83	84	110	137
Australasia	39	(39)	(105)	12	73	88	102
South America	29	45	42	48_	68	. 71	26
Total regions	352	159	221	305	554	593	521
Other activities	4	17	6	-	-	-	-
Corp. Center, elim. etc	(25)	(79)	(60)	(28)	(59)	(55)	(81)
Cle≱n EBIT	331	97	167	278	495	538	440
Energy hedging etc	(12)	208	5	(186)	(106)	14	(383)
Gnd dispute, Brazil	-	(50)	-	-	•	60	-
Write-down PanAsla	-	•	•	(43)	-	-	
Forest Australia		-	-	-	-	-	-
Restruct Union		(270)	-		-	(45)	-
Write-down Union		(155)	-		-	-	
Restruct Parenco	-	_		(63)	-	-	
Loss Forestia		(24)		-	-	-	
Restruct Turnaround	-			-	(376)		
Losses on accounts rec	eivable				(75)		
Permanent impairment	-				(3 190)		
EBIT under IFRS	319	(194)	172	(14)	(3 252)	567	57

PenAsia consolidated 50% in Q1-3 2005, and 100% from 17.11.2005
 Q3 2006 is restated



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## **Demand Changes**

Q1 2007 vs Q1 2006

	Standard Newsprint	Standard & Improved Newsprint	Magazine Paper	· Total
W. Europe	1,0%	0,5%	2,3%	1,3%
E. Europe	(5,9%)	(5,8%)	22,1%	3,9%
Europe Total	(0,1%)	(0,5%)	4,1%	1,7%
Australasia	3,9%	4,5%	8,2%	5,5%
South America	(2,2%)			
China (ytd Feb)	11,1%			
South Korea	2,2%			
Far East Total (ytd Feb)	2,4%			
North America	(12,0%)	(10,7%)	3,4%	(5,5%)

Sources: Cepiprint, PPPC, Norske Skog

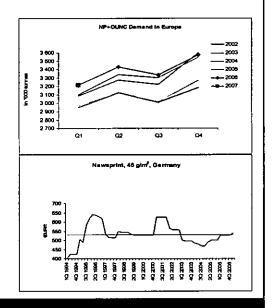
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#### **Newsprint & OUNC - Europe**

OUNC = Improved newsprint & other uncoated publication papers

- Demand in Europe:
  - Y/Y March 07: -2.1%
  - Q1 07/Q1 06: -0.5%
- Total deliveries from Europe:
  - Y/Y March 07: -6.2%
  - Q1 07/Q1 06: -3.8%
- Total deliveries of Newsprint from N. Am to West Europe:
  - Y/Y March 07: +82.6%
  - Q1 07/Q1 07: +52.8%
- Reference price Newsprint April:

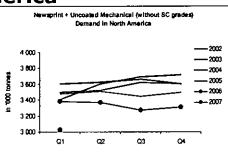
€550/mt, + 4.16 % from Dec '06

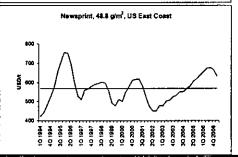




## **Newsprint - North America**

- Std. Newsprint Demand:
  - Y/Y March: -13.4 %
  - Q1 07/Q1 06: -12.0%
- Uncoated Mech Papers (ex SC) Demand:
  - Y/Y March: -4.0%
  - Q1 07/Q1 06: -1.2%
- Combined Std NP & Uncoated Mech (ex SC) Demand:
  - Y/Y March: -12.2%
    - Q1 07/Q1 06: -10.7%
- Reference price Newsprint March:
  - \$625/mt for 48.8g/m2, -5.3% from December 2006



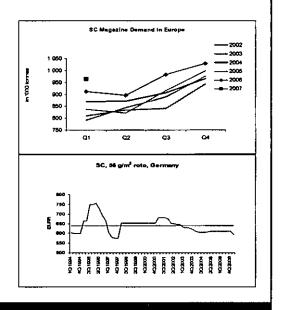




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### **SC Magazine Paper - Europe**

- Demand in Europe:
  - Y/Y March: +2.9%
  - Q1 07/Q1 06: +5,5%
- Total deliveries from Europe:
  - Y/Y March: +1,5%
  - Q1 07/Q1 06: +2,6 %
- Reference price SC April:
  - €580/mt in April 07, 4,91 % from Dec '06

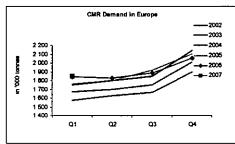


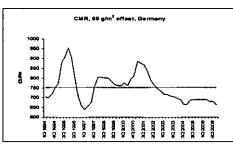
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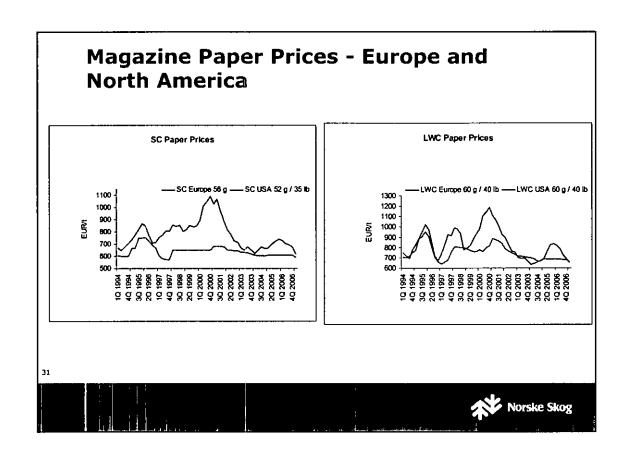
# CMR Magazine Paper - Europe CMR = Coated Mechanical Reels (LWC, MWC & HWC)

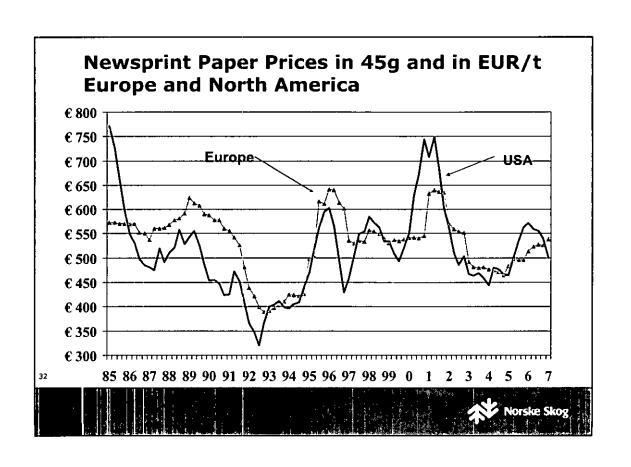
- Demand in Europe:
  - Y/Y March: -0,8%
  - Q1 07/Q1 06: +3,4%
- Total deliveries from Europe:
  - Y/Y March: -4,5%
  - Q1 07/Q1 06: -0.6%
- Reference price CMR April 07:
  - €680/mt, 4,2% from Dec '06











#### Asia YTD March '07 vs YTD March '06

- Demand standard newsprint:
  - Far East total: + 2,4 % (YTD Feb)
  - China: + 11,1% (YTD Feb)
  - South Korea: + 2,2 %
  - India: + 3,2% (YTD Feb)
- Prices:
  - Korea ~ USD 654
  - China ~ USD 480
  - India ~ USD 630

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#### Australasia YTD March '07 vs YTD March '06

- Demand:
  - YTD March 2007: + 3.9% for standard newsprint
  - Newspaper Readership is steady
- Prices:
  - Price Australia: Prices increased 7% July '06. Next adjustment July '07
  - Price New Zealand: up 6,5 % from January '07



#### South America YTD Q1 '07 vs Q1 March '06

- Demand standard newsprint
  - Regional demand: 2.2%
  - Brazil demand: 2.6%
    - Still positive trends for circulation, ad linage
    - Lower pagination
    - Inventory adjustments.

#### Prices

- Downward pressure on prices in Brazil and most other countries in the region
- Chilean domestic producers resisting prise pressure



## Purchase of shares

Andreas Enger, CFO in Norske Skog, has today purchased 1,000 shares at a price of NOK 90.10 per share. Andreas Enger owns 2,410 shares in Norske Skog after this transaction.

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#### **Purchase of shares**

Kim Wahl, chairman of the Board in Norske Skog, has today bought 100,000 shares at a price of NOK 89.8657 per share. Kim Wahl owns 100,000 shares in Norske Skog after this transaction.

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